

MINUTES OF THE H. P. DEER COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 13, 2013

The Hollywood Park Deer Committee met in a regular session May 13, 2013 at 7:05 p.m. in Town Hall. Notice was posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Laws.

Committee Chairman, Jeff Doss called the meeting to order. Committee Members present: Arnold English, Nancy Swan, Tonya Cummings, Carol Ingham, Michael Crevoisier, Larry Morris, Barbara Schmitz and Committee Secretary, LuAnn Montgomery. Markham Benn was absent.

CONSENT ITEM:

Review and approve Deer Committee meeting Minutes for Mar. 18, 2012. Larry Morris made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by B. Schmitz. The motion passed unanimously.

WILDLIFE INCIDENT REPORTS:

Five Wildlife Incident Reports were submitted; 4 wounded, 1 dead. A revised form was presented to the committee and approved. Larry Morris said years ago a concerned neighbor called a veterinarian regarding an injured doe. The vet said he'd advise amputating the leg, but the deer healed 100% and was seen with twin fawns for 2 consecutive years. Nancy Swan has concerns that the same deer may have been reported multiple times this month, as many reported with the same injury in the same area of the community. Larry Morris made a motion to approve the Wildlife Incidents Reports. The motion was seconded by Arnold English. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION:

David Achilles, H.P. Deer Manager – David Achilles was terminated by Mayor M. Perry since Mar. 18 meeting; therefore, no presentation or update was given.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Chris Fails, 237 Mecca; Place 3 H. P. City Council – Chris stated that if we knew of anyone to fill the spot of H.P. Deer Manager to let us (The Council) know. He's attended EDC Meetings and people continue stating the deer is an asset to Hollywood Park. They want to find a deer manager to maintain the herd. Jeff Doss added that the communication with residents and deer manager is at a very good level. Chris grew up hunting and understands that there is bad seasons for hunting like there is for fishing (regarding no deer trapped spring 2013). Michael Crevoisier noticed many ticks on the deer when he assisted with recent lymph node extraction. His concern was making the community aware of Lyme disease. Barbara Schmitz said she will address this issue in her next article published in *The Sparks*.

Ken Ballard, 513 Ventura – Ken was asking why the deer are trapped rather than darted. He says the deer make cries and calls when they are trapped that's very distressing. Darts are very visible when lying on the ground and was curious.

Karen Waugh, 130 Canyon Oaks Dr.; Sparks Editor; Karen asked if we wanted her to state in *The Sparks* that we were looking for a deer manager. It was decided and agreed upon with the committee members that resumes should be submitted to the mayor but not necessarily advertising they apply or submit to Deer Committee. Mayor Ortega is the final word on who the deer manager is. Michael Crevoisier said he knew someone that may qualify for the job, but expressed concern about the salary and travel / fuel reimbursement. It was suggested we have a screening committee. Chris said he would like to assist in finding a replacement. Barbara Schmitz read an independent contract agreement for Deer Project Manager from a document in her files. Discussion was Mayor Ortega would need to approve current ordinance / contract.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Review, discuss and take possible action on outcome of Spring 2013 deer census and deer TTT from information provided by deer manager, David Achilles.

Jeff Doss thanked everyone that participated in the Spring Deer Census. Barbara Schmitz was asking what an acceptable population is for this area. Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW) will state, but it will be criteria for rural areas rather than urban areas. Jeff Doss discussed his concern in the buck:doe ratio of the recent count. A trend of a high number of females seems to be apparent. Larry Morris mentioned many bucks do not have their antlers at the time of the Spring count and may be mistaken for does. Barbara Schmitz suggested the Spring Census be conducted 1 month later in May rather than April due to antler growth. Nancy Swan discussed research that she and husband David had done reflecting minimal herd numbers. It was asked why we even agreed to trap this Spring with the answer being that fact that does were needed at a TPW approved release site, allowing Trap, Transport, Transplant (TTT) of the deer. Doss suggested the deer census records could provide deer location information to the new Deer Manager. LuAnn Montgomery commends the entire Deer Committee for their interest and participation with Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) sample collection. Tonya Cummings suggests we continue submitting samples from the reported dead deer in the community to maintain CWD status with TPW. Our current CWD sample count is 8 for 2013. It was recommended we continue. Cummings also commended David Swan for creating new census records for completion by participants.

CONSIDERATION FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE DEER MEETINGS:

Larry Morris made a motion to accept the following agenda items for the next Deer Committee meeting on July 8, 2013. The motion was seconded by C. Ingham. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Review, discuss and take possible action on qualifications and search for new Deer Manager with a potential mayoral invite (conveyed by Council Member Chris Fails).

ADJOURNED:

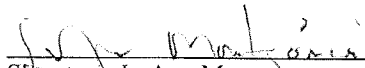
Chairman, Jeff Doss adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

MINUTES OF THIS MEETING APPROVED AS SUBMITTED ()
CORRECTED () THIS 10 DAY OF June, 2013.



Chairman, Jeff Doss

ATTEST:



Secretary LuAnn Montgomery

City Attorney